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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir,

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed , in which the Examiner has required restriction and election under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

It is believed that no fees are due but applicants' attorney authorizes the Examiner to charge Deposit Account 501365 if there are any fees in connection with this response.

ELECTION

Applicants elect without traverse Group I (claims 1-8), as drawn to a protein composition. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute claims directed to the remaining allegedly distinct groups in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

Conclusion

The Examiner is hereby respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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